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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/910,399
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AUXILIARY SAMPLE SUPPLY FOR A CLINICAL ANALYZER
Our File No. 961_006

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COMMENTS:

Examiner Ludlow,

Per our telephone conversation yesterday, attached please find a copy of the Response to Restriction Requirement as you requested that we filed on November 3, 2003, with the United States Patent Office for the above-captioned patent application. Also, as you requested, attached is a copy of the returned postcard date stamped from the U.S. Patent Office on November 5, 2003, also for the above-captioned patent application, acknowledging the timely receipt of same by the PTO. As a result of this PTO error, we believe the above-captioned application should be examined as noted in the attached Response.

If you require additional information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you.

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